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PROCUREMENT OF GAS BY NTPC
PRABHA RAU

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NTPC have expressed its reservations with regard to the supply of gas to the Petronet LNG because of the high cost;

(b) if so, whether the NTPC invited global tenders for transportation andregassification of the LNG required for their gas based power plants;

(c) if so, the manner in which the rates offered by the PLL are higher than the quotations received by the NTPC;

(d) whether the PLL agreed to review the rates for the supply of LNG to NTPC at the competitive rates offered by the international suppliers; and

(e) if not, the decisions taken by the NTPC about the procurement of gas to meet its requirement?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (e) : National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) have invited bids forsourcing of Liquified Natural Gas (LNG)/Natural Gas and/or services towards regassification of Liquefied Natural Gas and transportation of gas to National ThermalPower Corporation power plants on International Competitive Bidding (ICB) basis.As part of the two stage bidding process, NTPC has already invited global tender for Request for Qualification (RFQ).M/s. Petronet LNG Ltd. too has taken the Request forQualification documents issued by National Thermal Power Corporation.